

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS: Nathan St. Pierre, Chair, Judy Aubin, Vice Chair, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault, Michael Lamoureux and alternate members Donald Davies and Anthony Zampello.

Other Members Present: Leslie McGovern, Finance Director and Christine Mulligan, Deputy Treasurer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. **MINUTES:** That the question of accepting the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday March 9, 2023 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up.
- **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday March 9, 2023; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Karen Francisco. Seconded by Judy Aubin. The vote was unanimous.

2. Meet with the Town Manager, Michael Wood relative to the FY 2024 budget.

Motion by Karen Francisco to move item 2, meeting with the Town Manager, down to later on the agenda. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

3. Consider and act on Town Budgets
 - Deliberate and act on Department Operating Budget Requests

Emergency Management

Motion by Judy Aubin to drop the dues/fees to \$120, seconded by Robert Tetreault. Voting in favor of the motion was Judy Aubin, Robert Tetreault and Nathan St. Pierre, opposed was Michael Lamoureux and Karen Francisco, motion passed with a vote of three to two.

There was a discussion amongst the Board that they know that nothing has been used in this budget for a while but don't want to slash the everything all at once.

Motion by Michael Lamoureux to reduce the gas budget to \$0. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Motion by Judy Aubin to reduce the supply budget to \$0. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

The Burrillville Budget Board was joined by the Town Manager, Michael Wood to provide some clarification on FY 2024 budget requests.

Motion by Michael Lamoureux to approve the total Budget for the EMA at \$9,072. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Transportation

Motion by Michael Lamoureux to approve the transportation budget to \$28,000. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Recreation Department

Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve the total Recreation Department budget at \$114,337. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Recreation Center

Motion by Robert Tetreault to level fund the Recreation Center at \$16,000. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Recreation Programs

Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the budget for Recreation Programs at \$23,900. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Jess Smith Memorial Library

Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund supplies ground maintenance at the Jesse Smith Library at \$500. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Motion by Michael Lamoureux to table the budget discussion for the Jesse Smith Library. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Conservation Commission

Michael Lamoureux recused himself from this vote due to being a member of the Conservation Commission making Donald Davies a voting member.

Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve the budget for the Conservation Commission to be \$11,950. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Bonds

Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the General Government Bonds at \$155,651. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Motion by Karen Francisco to approve the School Bonds at \$761,750. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Motion by Karen Francisco to approve the Funding Bonds at \$662,587. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Loans

Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the Loans at \$263,409. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Benefits

Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the benefit line at \$2,847,398. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

General Services

Motion by Karen Francisco to approve the Board of Administration Rent at \$185,000, seconded by Michael Lamoureux. Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Michael Lamoureux and Robert Tetreault, opposed was Judy Aubin and Karen Francisco. Motion passed with a vote of three to two.

There was a discussion by the Board that the Board of Administration CIP budget was already cut out by the Board with the argument of being that the BOA should be charging what they need to out of the rent and not the CIP.

Motion by Karen Francisco to approve the General Services at \$1,946,660, seconded by Michael Lamoureux. Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault and Michael Lamoureux, opposed was Judy Aubin. Motion passed with a vote of four to one.

4. Other Business:

- Next week we have to finish up the operating budget for several departments.

5. **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Michael Lamoureux. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, the vote was unanimous.

Karen Francisco, Secretary

Date Approved